

C&D Lessons Learned

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Hierarchy of Management Options

Direct Reuse/ Recycling on Site

Materials separated on the job site, then sent offsite for reuse/ recycling

Mixed loads sent off-site to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

Send to a landfill

Things to Remember

- Get your project team (including architect and general contractor) on the same page.
 - Talk about goals and possibilities
 - Encourage innovation. Provide incentives for additional diversion, such as bid line items for successively greater goals.
- Require construction waste management plans
 - Describes how and where C&D materials will be managed
 - Requires the contractor to report back on how it was managed
- Track results
 - Get a baseline from existing projects
 - Determine what is easy and what areas need work
 - Tracking programs commercially available
- Report results
 - Share your lessons learned with others
 - Get recognized for your successes



Example Construction Waste Management Plan

1.3 SUBMITTALS:

A. C&D Waste Management Plan

Before the start of demolition, submit a C&D waste management plan to the Owner and the architect for approval and it shall include the following:

- Indicate how the Contractor proposes to recover at least 75% of the C&D wastes for reuse and recycling.
- 2. The C&D Waste Management Plan should coordinate the recovery effort with the construction, and renovation / demolition schedule.
- 3. Indicate compliance with section 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE.
- 4. Include a list of reuse facilities, recycling facilities and processing facilities that will be receiving the recovered materials (including take back by Owner or on-site auctions.)
- 5. If some of the materials will be donated or sold on-site auctions, describe the process and identify the organizations that may receive the materials.
- Identify materials that are not recyclable or not recovered which will be disposed of in a landfill (or other means acceptable by the State of California and local ordinance and regulations) and explain why the materials are not recovered.
- List the permitted landfill, or other permitted disposal facilities, that will be accepting the disposed waste materials.
- 8. Indicate instances or situations where compliance with the requirements of this specification do not apply or do not appear to be possible.
- 9. Identify each type of waste material to be reused or recycled and estimate the amount, by

Find complete examples at www.wbdg.org;

WasteWise

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- Include in your waste tracking for to achieve the WasteWise Partner of the Year Award
- Two gold achievement awards!
 - Use of industrial materials in buildings
 - Use of industrial materials in roads
- Participate in the WasteWise Building Challenge to get there

www.epa.gov/wastewise

Things to Remember

- Dispose of hazardous materials properly
- Waste reduction
 - Becoming more common in the commercial construction market
 - Incorporate early in the project planning process.
- Consider all project delivery methods available (design-build, Construction Management, others). They may achieve project goals better than a conventional design-bid-build approach.
- Separating demolition work from a new construction contract may be advantageous.
- A great deal of information is "out there" Take advantage!

Watch out for...

- Facilities that only grind the materials to make alternative daily cover (ADC) for landfills
 - Not true "recycling"
 - Ground drywall can cause H2S problems at landfills
- Various groups are in the process of creating a third-party certification process for recyclers

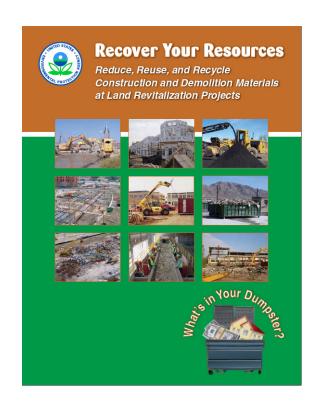
EPA's Efforts to Increase Recovery

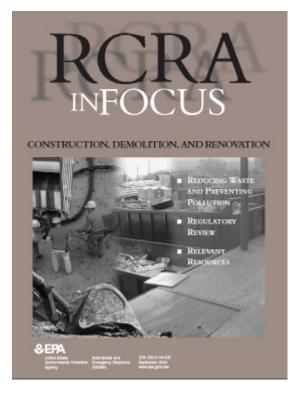
- Working with stakeholders to increase markets for recycled materials (such as drywall).
- Working with stakeholders to develop tools for:
 - State recycling information
 - Environmental and economic assessments
- Working with green building and green product standards to reward those who utilize recycled content and those who design materials for reuse and recycling.

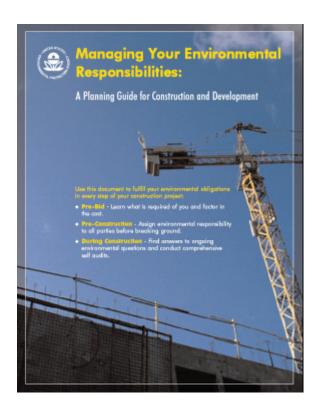
Resources

- EPA's website www.epa.gov/cdmaterials
- Whole Building Design Guide
- Construction Materials Recycling Association
- Building Materials Reuse Association

EPA's: Publications







EPA's WaRM Model

- EPA's WaRM calculates GHG reductions from through recycling
- Currently adding more C&D materials

	Baseline Scenario					Alternative Scenario				
Material	Tons Recycled	Tons Landfilled	Tons Combusted	Tons Composted	Tons Generated	Tons Source Reduced	Tons Recycled	Tons Landfilled	Tons Combusted	Tons Composted
Aluminum Cans				N/A	0					N/A
Steel Cans				N/A	0					N/A
Copper Wire				N/A	0					N/A
Glass				N/A	0					N/A
HDPE				N/A	0					N/A
LDPE				N/A	0					N/A
PET				N/A	0					N/A
Corrugated Cardboard				N/A	0					N/A

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